



KERRIER DEANERY NEWS



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DEANERY BRIEFING

- 1. Basic and Foundation Safeguarding Training:**
Heidi and Ann have scheduled a training session in early November for those who need to refresh their Basic and/or Foundation Safeguarding training. Please contact Ann at kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com if you need to be included in this.
- 2. Union of our six benefices: the deadline for making representations to the Church Commissioners, in the public phase of consultation, is now past. The Commissioners will now consider the representations and decide a) that the Measure proceeds, or b) a hearing is required.**
- 3. Recruitment of a third stipendiary priest: we are making good progress with the Diocese. The Parsh Day for candidates to explore the area is on 10th December and the interviews are scheduled for the following day.**

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A Warm Welcome for Bishop David

Nigh on one hundred people from the parishes across Kerrier Deanery attended the Celtic service at Mawgan Church on Sunday 7th September to welcome the new Bishop of Truro to Kerrier.

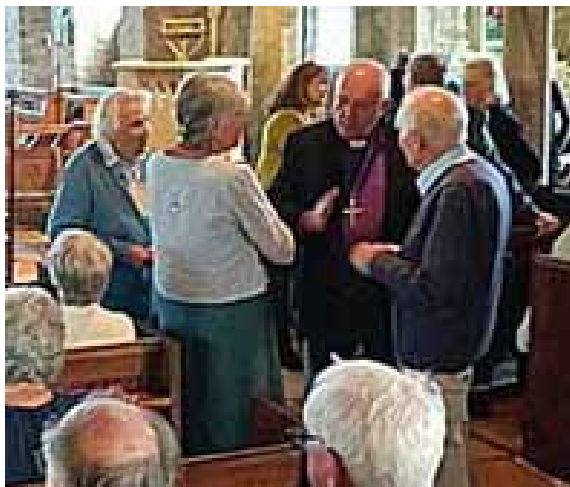
It proved to be a warm, social occasion giving rise to an opportunity for friends, who don't often meet, to catch up and enjoy the "bring and share" high tea that was provided prior to the service.

Bishop David, had spent a very full day visiting the Churches in the Deanery with the Rural Dean, the Rev'd Heidi Huntley, and had conducted a service at Sithney in the morning. He remarked on the importance of meeting together over the conviviality of a meal and shared a memory from childhood spent in Zimbabwe as the son of a church leader there, when goat would be served; not to everyone's taste in Cornwall, he surmised.

The Bishop patently enjoys meeting people and used every available moment to speak with as many as possible and commented on the remarkable and enriching day he had spent on the Lizard and beyond. An endorsement of his claim that:

"I am, at heart, a parish priest. I want to continue working for the flourishing of local churches. The local church is vital to a local community."

Before leaving, Bishop David blessed the bells which had just been repaired and the team of ringers from Helston and Wendron, apologising and laughing at himself for almost forgetting. He then related a snippet from his past. How could he forget! He had also been a keen campanologist before becoming the parish priest at Dore near the Peak District, from whence his two curates and himself had subsequently become bishops. Surely a poem in there somewhere:
There were once three dudes from Dore.....



The Gospel of Matthew for 'Year A': the message, the context, the theology

From Advent, in a few weeks' time, the lectionary will begin to choose the Sunday Gospel reading predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew. Revd Dr Robert Evans is leading a session on this on Tuesday 21st October, Epiphany House in Truro, 10.30am finishing with lunch at 1pm, and you are welcome to come. It is free: you just need to register by sending an email to Melanie Pomery melanie.pomery@truro.anglican.org.

This session is an opportunity to look at the Gospel of Matthew as whole – its structure, its themes, and its distinctive portrayal of Jesus. There will be some attention to the historical circumstances of its first readers (the communities it was written for), in order to think about how we move from the message then to the message for us now.

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FOOD WANTED

Helston & The Lizard **foodbank**

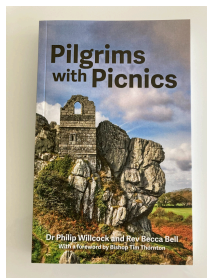
Small tins of cold meat - ham, corned beef etc.
Long life fruit juice Long life milk
Small jars of coffee
Tins of custard Rice pudding
Tins of fruit Sponge puddings

Drop-off point: **ms** mustard seed Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 2pm

or donate at: **Sainsbury's**
the store m Ruan Minor Store **80** Mullion **£ poundstretcher** **TESCO**

Thank you
Registered Charity Number 1127110

Revd Anne's Thursday Home Group and Quiet Day on Oct 10th are postponed - more information in the next newsletter.



May we please draw your attention, once again, to St Germoe's great project: Pilgrims with Picnics. All our own work and whole purchase price £12.00 goes to St Germoe. 28 glorious days out across Cornwall and Scilly, taking you to gorgeous, seldom-visited and fascinating churches. Great picnic venues for each day and thoughts and prayers for each day. Great presents, fits in an anorak or the car's glove box. Only available from Phil Shute on 07776 088 441 or pshute@aol.com. Add £3.00 p&p but locally most are deliverable by hand.

Christmas Plans



As Christmas approaches and we all hope to get more children into our churches, I think that working with our schools and pre schools is the best way to go.

Advent Adventures has taken place in Wendron, Helston, Mullion, St Keverne, Breage and St Peter's, Coverack during the last 3 years. If you are interested in running it in your church, please get in touch. Schools are very willing to come, especially if they are in walking distance.

Also, we have found at Wendron that Open Mornings work very well if you are wanting to attract families. We display work done by the children in school, (pictures or written work), serve treats, have bell ringing practice, relevant activities and a prayer/ candle lighting corner. We are often full for two hours. These sessions are held at special times of year and replace our normal service.

If you would like to learn more or join our team of volunteers for Advent Workshops, please let me know.

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CRYING THE NECK

On the glorious evening of Wednesday 3rd. September the villagers of Germoe gathered in fields to observe and celebrate the tradition of "Crying the Neck". The congregation then moved to St Germoe Church to complete the service before dreamy pasties were served in the Church Hall.

Our own "Reader", Kim presided in English along with Sarah Tresidder contributing in Cornish.

Mike Jacka cut the last ears of corn before making his declarations to the four points of the compass, with responses in English and Cornish from the congregation. It was truly moving.

"Crying the Neck" is an ancient celebration of harvest and thanks-giving, and a blessing on future harvests. Held in late August/early September, it was, in the past, commonly celebrated throughout Devon and Cornwall; less frequently and not so wide-spread, now. We do not just perpetuate an archaic tradition, rather fully acknowledge how essential "Harvest" will always remain, our connection with the Land and our place in Creation. The "Neck" will remain suspended in St Germoe Church throughout the year's cycle.

Enormous thanks go to Mike, Kim and Sarah and most importantly Gwynneth for her planning and catering and for perpetuating this noble and lovely tradition.



HARVEST AT GERMEOE

This is a rural parish and having celebrated "Crying the Neck" last month we marked "Harvest" in two beautiful ceremonies in September. In the beautiful Church Hall a harvest supper was a sell-out and a sumptuous meal was served. Enormous thanks were expressed to the devoted band of helpers who prepared the hall, ran the raffle and cooked and served the meal. The village and church would be so much poorer in spirit and community without their love and devotions.

Apart from the roistering a whopping £340+ was raised and donations of a more material nature were additionally made to support the Women's Refuge and the local Foodbank.

This was the focus two days later when Harvest Festival was celebrated in a magnificently decorated St Germoe Church. The floral displays and fresh produce could not have been more welcoming. Revd. Len presided over a traditional service of Sunday Eucharist and favourite "Harvest" hymns. Our links with and dependence upon the land were thus established for another year.

Phil



Heart of Mullion Community Open Day 7th September.

We displayed a variety of resources we offer to our Mullion community including providing a venue for Foodbank collection and distribution of our local Community Larder to help reduce food waste. Tea & Toast, Winter Warmers, Mothers' Union, Friends of St. Mellanus, Film Night, Monday Mops and Churchyard Gardening, etc. James Oliver led very interesting and informative historic tours of the Church throughout the day and St. Mellanus Church Bellringers were on hand to ring and give demos.



The 'Heart of Mullion'
Church Community Open Day
Sunday 7th September 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For over 500 years our church has been at the centre of Mullion village. It is a wonderful, ancient resource and we believe it deserves to be used to benefit everybody in the community — not just for those who go to church regularly.

Refreshments available all day

Demonstrations and guided tours

We invite you to discover the range of activities that already take place in the church.

Come and see whether you would like to join in, or to help out; the more the merrier as far as we are concerned. We would also be interested to hear from people who may have ideas about any new projects aimed at improving the lives of people living locally.

Activities in the church on the day will include:

- Displays and information about 'Film Club', 'Tea and Toast', 'Winter Warmers' and the 'Community Larder'.
- Tours of the Bell Tower and Bell ringing demonstrations with Neil Gunnell
- Guided history tours of the church with James Oliver
- Wild Church with Revd. Susie Templeton - activities and story-telling for children and families, in the Churchyard at 3 p.m.



The Western District's Autumn Festival - 13th September 2025 - another cracking day of ringing and catching up with old friends!

The afternoon began at St Michael's Church in Helston where 22 ringers graced the Tower to ring Helston's lovely 8 bells, for some, this was the first time ringing a peal of 8, so a great experience.

Ringling then moved to St Wendrona and a full church of 40 ringers for rounds and call-change peals. Grateful thanks to our Chair, Bob Woods for keeping the no.3 bell ringing after an early unfortunate broken stay and to our Ringing Master Martin for accommodating everyone - no mean feat!

The Rev Mike North led an inspiring short blessing mid-point, before 'Happy Birthday' wishes were sung to Roger Sullivan in celebration of his special day... More opportunities for ringing followed after tea.

It was heart-warming for me to see so many people there, especially our junior ringers, but also many of our church parishioners and PCC members who helped with the Tea - it was a real team-effort and an enjoyable afternoon - thank you to everyone who came and #Go Team Helston & Wendron!





Christening Gowns Reimagined **Giving discarded gowns a new story.**

While volunteering in a charity shop Rosie North spotted that old and sometimes well-worn christening gowns were not selling.

Being a stitcher, Rosie could see the skills in the original making of the gowns, which got her wondering what the past history of each gown might be?

The collection of gowns kept growing and she needed to decide how to use them?

May be there are other stitchers who relate to these thoughts? If so, Rosie asks if she can initiate your help in writing fictitious histories.

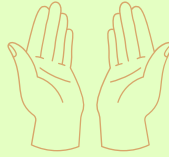
Whilst working on a gown, a name may become available, mending or adding stitch or words to the gown creating a new history for the gowns.

Rosie's aim is to produce a suitcase collection of old and reimagined christening gowns. If you wish to join Rosie or have a venue that might like to have the display or belong to a stitch group that may have members who would enjoy this challenge, then please contact Rosie.

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Thank you to Revd John Ough for this months Deanery Prayers



The Importance of Prayer in the Gospel of Luke

We are now heading towards winter with Autumn, and Remembrance fast approaching. We, as members of Christ's church here in Kerrier, need to get to the backbone of our Christian journey by concentrating on our prayer life. This then naturally follows into praise and don't we all need our hearts and minds uplifting. My new friend Al came up with the following bullet points from our gospel of Luke for this year.

Luke's Gospel highlights Jesus as a model of prayer, frequently depicting him withdrawing to pray at key moments in his ministry.

Major events in Jesus' life in Luke—such as his baptism, the transfiguration, and his time in Gethsemane—are all marked by prayer.

The Gospel uniquely records several parables on prayer, including the Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8) and the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14), emphasizing persistence, humility, and sincerity in prayer.

Luke stresses the necessity and regularity of prayer, with Jesus instructing disciples to pray always and not give up.

Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4), providing a model for his followers and highlighting the intimacy of addressing God as Father.

Through prayer, believers are shown to seek guidance, strength, forgiveness, and alignment with God's will.

Prayer in Luke is depicted as a source of power, comfort, and transformation for both Jesus and his followers.

The Gospel encourages a community of prayer, as seen when disciples gather to pray after Jesus' ascension, laying the foundation for the early church.

Jesus, pour out your Holy Spirit on your Church here in Kerrier. We ask we might come close to you in prayer, bringing all our hearts to your heavenly throne. Lift us with your joy and praise, that others may be drawn to you, the source and fount of all true love. We ask that our churches may look out to the needs of those outside of the walls of the church. Strengthen us O Lord, to work for God's Kingdom here on Earth and to glorify

Him in all we do.

In Jesus name. Amen

Rev John Ough

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Thank you